

Action against those involved in illegal activities in NHPC

2055. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have blacklisted the contractor and the concerned NHPC official brought to book in view of active involvement in murder of workers and violation of labour laws at hydroelectric power project at Chamera III in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh by M/s Hindustan Construction Corporation (HCC);

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), which is implementing the Chamera Stage-III Hydroelectric Project (231 MW) in Himachal Pradesh, have informed that three persons were murdered in the night of 10th June, 2006 near Dakhog Bridge on the State Highway (outside the project area) leading to the Dam site. This matter regarding the murder of 3 persons is *sub-judice* before the criminal court at Chamba.

Electrification of villages in North Eastern Region

2056. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken for electrification of villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in the North-Eastern Region, more particularly in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the villages in the North Eastern Region will be lighted up by 2009, the target fixed by the Centre for covering all rural areas in the country under the electrification programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE) (a) and

(b) Yes, Sir. State-wise number of projects sanctioned for North-Eastern Region are as follows:-

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | Cost of project sanctioned (Rs. in crore) | No. of projects Sanctioned | No. of un- electrified villages covered |
|--------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Assam | 300.40 | 7 | 1831 |
| 2. | Meghalaya | 61.71 | 3 | 193 |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | 43.29 | 2 | 237 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 102.44 | 8 | 137 |
| 5. | Manipur | 94.62 | 3 | 244 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 25.68 | 3 | 12 |
| 7. | Tripura | 19.57 | 1 | 48 |
| 8. | Sikkim | 56.25 | 4 | 25 |
| TOTAL | | 703.96 | 31 | 2727 |

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. All the villages in the entire country will be electrified by 2009. The number of un-electrified villages, target for electrification by 2009, State-wise are:—

| States | Villages yet to be electrified by 2009 |
|-------------------|---|
| Assam | 5604 |
| Manipur | 139 |
| Meghalaya | 2468 |
| Nagaland | 0 |
| Tripura | 37 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 1314 |
| Mizoram | 7 |
| Sikkim | 42 |
| TOTAL | 9611 |

The electrification of balance villages will depend upon the States' preparedness in tendering, placing of awards and quicker implementation of the projects. The States have been advised to gear up for electrification of all un-electrified villages by 2009.